

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department - Diversion of 0.50 ha of Forest land in Advanapalem Reserve Forest of Visakhapatnam Division for formation of Ghat road and for erection of 220 KV line from proposed switching station at Bhimannadorapalem to the plant site of M/s Sarda Metals & Alloys Ltd., at Kantakapalli in Kothavalasa Mandal of Vizianagaram District, in favour of the Executive Engineer, TLC Division, Srikakulam - Permission accorded - Orders - issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOG (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 77

Dated:17-10-2012.

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, A.P. Hyderabad, Lr. Rc.No.44041/2011-F3,dt.21-09-2012
2. From PCCF, A.P. Hyderabad, Lr. Rc.No.44041/2011-F3,dt.28-09-2012
3. GOI, Mo.EF, New Delhi Lr.F. No.11-9/98- FC, dated. 03-01-2005.
4. GOI, Mo.EF, New Delhi, Lr.F.No.11-9/98-FC, dated.11-9-2009.

ORDER:

In the letters 1st & 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.50 ha. of Forest land in Advanapalem Reserve Forest of Visakhapatnam Division for formation of Ghat road and for erection of 220 KV line from proposed switching station at Bhimannadorapalem to the plant site of M/s Sarda Metals & Alloys Ltd., at Kantakapalli in Kothavalasa Mandal of Vizianagaram District, in favour of the Executive Engineer, TLC Division, Srikakulam, as the State Government can accord permission to the project, since the issue is come under the General approval category, as per the guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in the letters 3rd & 4th read above, subject to the conditions mentioned in his letter 1st read above.

2. The proposal has been examined with reference to the guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests in the references 3rd & 4th read above.

3. Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests in the references 3rd & 4th read above, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for diversion of 0.50 ha. of Forest land in Advanapalem Reserve Forest of Visakhapatnam Division for formation of Ghat road and for erection of 220 KV line from proposed switching station at Bhimannadorapalem to the plant site of M/s Sarda Metals & Alloys Ltd., at Kantakapalli in Kothavalasa Mandal of Vizianagaram District, in favour of the Executive Engineer, TLC Division, Srikakulam, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.

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- (iii) The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora / fauna in the surroundings and, therefore, shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
- (iv) The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, dated. 28.3.2008 and 9.5.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and as per the orders issued by Government of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O.Ms.No.124, EFS&T (For.I) Department, dated:27.7.2010.
- (v) The Additional amount of the Net Present value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be paid by the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (vi) Compensatory Afforestation Scheme prepared with a financial outlay of Rs.11,00,000/- over double the area proposed for diversion (1.00 Ha) identified in Compartment No. 603 of Pothukonda Reserve Forest of Visakhapatnam Division, shall be raised and maintained from the funds realized from the User Agency.
- (vii) The Penal Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over equivalent degraded forest land at the cost of User Agency.
- (viii) All the funds received from the user agency under this project shall be deposited either in SB A/c.No.SB01025198-CAF Andhra Pradesh, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No. CORP0000371) or in SB A/c.No.344902010105 407-Andhra Pradesh CAMPA, Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delhi – 110003 (RTGS/IFSC No UBIN0534498)
- (ix) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (x) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.50 ha. In case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area shall be taken back by the Forest Department.
- (xi) Transfer of forest land in favour of the User Agency shall be affected only after compliance of the conditions mentioned above.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, is therefore directed to take further necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M. SAMUEL,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Copy to

The Executive Engineer, TLC Division, Srikakulam.
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